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ARLINGTON COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2013 MEETING JEFFERSON CUTTER HOUSE

Present- Angela Olszewski - Chair Presiding, Sharon Shaloo, Kirsi Allison-Ampe, Tom Davison, William Lyons, Bob Radochia, Joe Curro, Roly Chaput, Ted Peluso.

1- The Meeting was called to order at 7:05PM.

2- The Chair welcomed two new Committee members- William Lyons and Bob Radochia.

3- The minutes of the last meeting were accepted with two modifications.

4- The Treasurer's Report indicated that the Committee has a balance of \$2,209.

5- Project Updates:

(a) A full discussion was held about the status of the Visitors Information Booth. A Special Town Meeting Warrant for \$25,000 has been submitted and three Committee representatives, Angela Olszewski, Clarissa Rowe and Ted Peluso will be making a presentation to the Finance Committee on February 25, 2013.

(b) The directional sign project is proceeding and is under bid at the time present time. A Warrant for signs manufacturing costs has been submitted and will be presented to the Finance Committee on February 25, 2013.

(c) Tom Davison reported that Concert planned for July 13, 2013 is proceeding and funding from the Arlington Cultural Council in the amount of \$2,500 has been approved. The Concert represents an Arlington Alive Arts Festival collaboration. Planning for the required additional funds is underway.

(d) Sharon Shaloo reported on the website development status and that content is being accumulated with help from Kirsi Allison-Ampe and others. The Social Media aspect is presently being included on the website.

(e) Joe Curro and Kirsi Allison-Ampe, along with Angela Olszewski discussed the various activities being planned for Patriots' Day weekend, which is April 14-15, 2013. The list of activities will be included on the website.

6- The Chair discussed various Warrant Articles in process and being presented to the Finance Committee on February 25, 2013. These include the projects mentioned in 5(a) and (b) above, plus the yearly ATED operating budget. She indicated that the total amount requested for the three Warrants this year would not exceed 12% of the excise taxes on hotel/restaurant revenues that are received by the Town.

7- The Chair described the Patriots Path Think Tank initiative in process by the Arlington Historical Society and will survey Committee members to identify an ATED representative to this effort.

With no additional Old nor New Business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned.